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Pekka MIELONEN et al

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Application No: 09/405,436

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For: CYLINDER LOCK-KEY-COMBINATION

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Further examination and consideration of this application are requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 4, 9 and 11, rewrite as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A cylinder lock and key combination comprising:

a lock body,

a turnable lock cylinder located inside the lock body and having an axial slot,

a set of code locking discs located inside the lock cylinder, each locking disc having at least one peripheral notch and a key opening and being turnable in the lock body in a first turning direction by application of turning force to a counter surface bounding the key opening, each locking disc having an opening position in which its peripheral notch is at the position of the axial slot in the lock cylinder, such that when all the locking discs are in their respective opening positions the peripheral notches form a uniform channel at the position of the axial slot, the key openings of at least first and second code locking discs each being bounded by at least two discrete counter surfaces such that the first code locking disc can be turned in said first turning

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